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TO TURN ON LEAGUE **EMBITTERS EUROPE**

American Diplomatic Moves Cause Flurry-France Refuses to Make Plea.

LEADERS STILL AT SEA **OVER FOREIGN POLICY**

Question of Yap Promises to Be Particularly Thorny - Secret Treaty May Be Issue.

ment refused.

Leaders Believed at Sea. So far France has received no real satisfaction. Professions of friend-ship for France by republican leaders are naturally appreciated, but only at

their face value. Contrary to what the newspapers have said, the Ameri-can reply to the German reparations was not an unmixed delight to France.

cussed here with anxiety.

Arguments Bring Irony.

of which we understood nothing

Yap Question Thorny.

TALK WITH PRESIDENT.

said, then subjects like soldier relief

GRIDIRON DINNER TONIGHT.

and highway maintenance.

By Cable to The Star and Chicago Daily News. Copyright, 1921. PARIS, France, April 9.—The latest manifestations of American diplomacy have caused a considerable flurry and no little bitterness in Europe. No sconer was Rene Viviani's report that the United States is determined to turn its back on both the league and

turn its back on both the league and treaty received in Geneva than Leon Bourgeois, the French delegate to the league council. rushed to Paris and lesought the French government to make a last appeal to the United States to save the league. The French government refused.

Mr. Harding himself feels that he has made headway on many important matters, but if he were to speak what is in his heart ne would tell the American public that the individual who invented paironage and the distribution of public offices for political activity was really government trefused.

It fears that in the present circum-stances to put forward the league would serve only to widen the breach between the United States and the Hungry Constituents. between the United States and the allies. It has therefore on the one hand sent a special agent to Geneva to try to keep the league quiet and on the other has instructed M. Viviani to accept the American situation as it is and merely try to get the best con-ditions he can for France. What France wants now particularly is the surance of the moral support of the assurance of the moral support of the United States, or at least moral neutrality, in case France is obliged to deal with Germany by force of arms within the next few months.

U.S. DETERMINATION ADMINISTRATION MAKES OPENING MONTH COUNT

Speed, With Which Problems Are Tackled, Gains Through Having One Party Control All Branches.

so rapidly that to most of the cabinet officers it has seemed like a week Viewing the work of the new regime dispassionately and with a recognibuilt in a day, even the most ardent partisan will admit that a start has been mde on more problems in the last four weeks than was possible in the last year of the preceding administration.

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This does not necessarily imply criticism of the officials who tried hard to make progress in the face of inevi-table friction between a republican Congress and a democratic executive. But it proves that when all branches of the government are of one political complexion decisions can be made and things accomplished.

Mr. Harding himself feels that he has

more of a serpent than the evil genius of ancient Eden.

Mr. Harding is pestered day and night by the obligations of politics. It isn't that he owes anybody anything, but members of the Senate and House must be kept happy and they are in turn bothered by hungry constituents. Some idea of Mr. Harding's feeling was given John Kendrick Bangs the other day when he dropped in at the

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

The first month of the administration of President Harding has passed so rapidly that to most of the cabi
"It must be tiresome to shake hands

with so many people."
"Not at all," replied the President.
"It is a relief and relaxation. All day long most of my visitors come to me asking for something—either offices or

cabinet officers. Some of them haven't been able to get very far because of the amount of time they must give to conferences on patronage. One or two of the cabinet officers who haven't been in Washington before are amazed at the Congress, so they yield their time with good-natured tolerance.

If the entire membership of Con-

gress were guilty of office-seeking, the government wouldn't get anything done. But it is true of a relatively small group, who manage to keep the heads of the departments and their subordinates worried all the time. It used to be the same way under the Wilson administration, and one could almost hear the sigh of relief that went up out of the White House when Congress adjourned and members went home to mend political

Some Things Accomplished. There can be no catalogue of achievements as yet, nor can any list be more than a cursory one. Yet here are some of the things that have been done since the Harding administration

MISSING BALLOON FOUND BY FISH BOAT IN GULF; NO TRACE OF CREW

By the Associated Press.
PANAMA CITY, Fla., April 9.— The naval balloon which has been missing with five men since it started from the Pensacola naval station for an all-night flight March 22 was picked up in the gulf late yesterday by a fishing boat and brought here today. No trace of the crew was found.

The last paragraph in particular is generally considered unnecessarily friendly to Germany. Moreover, Secretary Hughes' recent note on the mandates is considered unnecessarily harsh and sweeping. European leadrs fail to understand what the nev administration is driving at. France in particular was disposed to help the United States to find an easy way out of the difficulties by a compromise which, without arousing the ill-feeling of the rest of the world, would enable the United States to obtain the advantages it desires, while at the same time escaping European responsibility. It seems to Europeans that the United States, instead of choosing the easy way, is choosing the hard one. For example, the possibility of war between Japan and the United States is being discussed here with anyiety.

The American arguments regarding

the peace settlements are received with irony. The Paris Midi paraphrases the situation thus:

"I learn with astonishment, says Uncle Sam, 'that the allies pretend to have signed within the last two years a contain number of treaties which a certain number of treaties which the United States some time ago, in they consider binding on the United States. I do not recognize these treaties, and at the same time I intend to profit by them because I tend to profit by them because I of Yap might be took part in the war. But isn't it negotiation betwee true, timidly ask the allies, that you States and Japan.

were represented at the peace con-terence by your own President, which, ference by your own President, which, indeed, assured you such an advantage over us who were represented only by premiers that to please the aforesaid President we even had to praise solemnly the Monroe doctrine, You are wrong, replies Uncle fore Secretary Hughes sent his four sam. 'My President was by no means authorized to represent me. Whatever he did and said does not count. Do not oblige me to tell you so again and, meanwhile, do me the kindness to change whatever happens to annoy me in your different treaties.'"

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declared before the peace conference, and his words are on record, that he acquainted President Wilson with these secret treaties at the time of his mission to the United States in the course of the war. It is true that Mr. Wison made what the French call a vague verbal reservation regarding Yap at the session of April 20, 1919, but he was present on May 7 when the islands were given under the Japanese mandate and there is no record apparently of his having protested. This decision was published the same day in all the newspapers. People in Paris, therefore, have difficulty in understanding Mr. Wilson's statement that he was not aware of any such decision. In ficulty in understanding Mr. Wilson's statement that he was not aware of any such decision. In any case France and Britain are bound in the anese governments, whose represen-tatives constitute the supreme council). France would be glad, declares the newspaper, if an agreement could be reached by such negotiations. The reservations of President Wilson, made April 21 and 30 and May 1, 1919, were mentioned, declares the Temps, in a recent French note on the subject of Yap sent to the Unit-House Leaders at White House to ed States, and this note was com-municated to Japan.

Legislative plans for the special session of Congress which convenes next Monday were talked over by President Harding today with Representative Mondell of Wyoming, republican House leader, and Representative Good of Iowa, chairman of the House appropriations committee.

The reservations in question, continues the newspaper, were immediately communicated to the Japanese representative on the supreme council. Therefore, it is held there is no reason for discussion between France and the United States on that point.

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the House appropriations commit-Budget legislation was understood to have been discussed by the executive with Chairman Good and an agreement was reached for reintroduction of the republican budget bill vetoed by President Wilson. Some reference to the budget question is

expected in the President's address to Congress.

It was indicated that the budget legislation would be near the top on the program to be pressed when tariff and tax measures are underway. The immigration bill, which failed at the last session, would come next, it was said there.

BREAD MERCHANT SLAIN.

DETROIT, Mich., April 9 .- Joseph Bosco, wealthy East Side bread mer-chant, was shot and killed early to-day by three men who jumped from an automobile and fired fifteen shots

took office: President Harding has tackled the railroad problem and means to put the full influence of the executive behind (Continued on Page 2, Column 7.)

Mrs. Cross, Father Kerby, Mr. Nesbit and Mr. Galliher Mentioned as Directors.

BEFORE PRESIDENT

It is not thought likely that the note will be replied to in view of Secretary Hughes' decision to treat the Yap issue merely as a part of the general subject which this government elected to discuss as a whole The French note will be replied to in view of the work of the board of charities and not because of the replied to the replied to the work of the board of charities and not because of the replied to the replied to the replied to the work of the board of charities and not because of the replied to the replied to the work of the board of charities and not because of the replied to the excussion of the replied to the excussion of the work of the board of charities and not because of the replied to the excussion of the work of the board of charities and not because of the replied to the excussion of the work of the board of charities and not because of the replied to the excussion of the work of the board of the replied to the excussion of the work of the board of the replied to the excussion of the work of the board of the replied to the replied to the excussion of the work of the board of the replied to the work of the board of the replied to the replie singled out for this service because of their knowledge of and sympathy in the work of the board of charities, and not because of any personal or political preferment.

The Commissioners, it was learned today, will not fill the position of assistant superintendent of the work-

house at Occoquan, Va., until the new members of the board of charities are The resignation of W. E. Hall from the position of assistant superintendent of the workhouse has been accepted by the city heads, to take effect April 30. There are a number of applicants for the position.

TREASURY IS NOTIFIED DISTRICT NEEDS MONEY

day, for transmission to Congress
next week, a list of urgent deficiency
appropriations amounting to \$493.
827, to meet absolute necessities of
the District government from now
until the new fiscal year begins,
July 1.

One of the largest items of the control of the largest items of the situation.

The Sunday Star

"The Story the Week Has Told"

By Henry W. Bunn

Fifteen minutes devoted to reading this column will give you a comprehensive grasp of world developments.

A regular feature hereafter, putting The Sunday Star another step ahead as the leading newspaper of the National Capital.

BRITAIN RECRUITING MEN TO DO WORK OF 2,000,000 STRIKERS

Rank and File of Workers Challenge Right of Executives to Issue Call.

NEW LABOR PROPOSALS TO LLOYD GEORGE FAIL

Government Calls Army and Navy Reserves for Service if Threat for Tie-Up Is Carried Out.

By the Associated Press. LONDON, April 9 .- Recruiting of demands of members of Congress. They volunteer workers and "safety units" was energetically begun by the government today, and other plans were widespread industrial tie-up next Tuesday, growing out of the miners' strike, and involving directly approximately 2.000.000 workers.

Meanwhile, however, reports from various parts of England, Scotland and Wales indicate that the triple alliance executive board may have more strike decree in order to bring about a general cessation of work by the railwaymen and the transport workers, who, with the miners, make u ganization.

Strike Call Challenged. From Glasgow, Liverpool, Cardiff, Edinburgh and several other im-portant locals of the National Union of Railwaymen comes word that the rank and file are challenging the right of the railwaymen's national executive body to call a strike without balthe miners' resistance to the cuts i the miners' resistance to the cuts in their wages, which brought about the strike in the coal industry, is justifiable, but they do not consider that they have anything to thank the miners for, and therefore should not be stampeded into a sympathetic walkout. The general purport of these messages from important centers was

on the strike issue.

This, it was commented by observers, may account for the silence which the labor leaders maintained after the conference which they had this morning with the prime minister.

DIRECT PARLEYS

President Harding has under consideration the names of four persons for appointment to the three vacancies existing on the board of charities of the District of Columbia. It is not expected that he will make known his selections for aleast ten days or two weeks.

The four being seriously considered are Mrs. Whitman Cross, one of the leading figures in local welfare and the resulting from the prime minister and the rail was asid after the afternoon conficult expected that the catching from the prime minister and the rail was asid after the afternoon consistiut expected that the catching from the prime minister and the rail was said after the afternoon confirmation between the United States some time ago, in which it expressed the hope that the controversy over the Pacific Island of Yap might be settled by direct negotiation between the United States and Japan.

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midnight were speeded up this morning. Although there was little evidence of those activities noticeable, all reservists were under instructions to report at their "places of joining" without waiting for individual notice

The Daily Graphic says Americans in England are flooding steamship companies with applications for berths to the United States. The District Commissioners will send to the Treasury Department to-day, for transmission to Congress of the "triple alliance of labor" told the Daily Mail's special labor correspondent last night. The newspaper declares this may be taken

until the new fiscal year begins, July 1.

One of the largest items in the estimates is for the Municipal Court, which will take over June 1 1,200 suits now pending in the District of legislation directing the lower tribunal to handle all claims up to \$1,000. Heretofore, the Municipal Court has been confined to suits for \$1,000. Heretofore, the Municipal Court has been confined to suits for the workingmen.

Soo or less.

It is understood the health department also has several items in the bill that are necessary to the proper operation of that office until the new appropriations become available on July 1.

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The Residuation of the Situation.

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"We see no hope to save the nation if from disaster," declared the Daily Telegraph, in an editorial commenting on the fact that the "triple alliance" will call its men from their posts Tuesday midnight if the controversy is not settled by that time. Other newspapers, however, express the opinion that calm reflection and a respite of four days may reveal new possibilities in the direction of peace. It is stated in some quarters that the actual calling of the strike was deferred until Tuesday night, so that it might be possible to bring about a resumption of negotiations. The Daily Graphic suspects that the forces of labor are "indulging in their old tactics of saber rattling, and asserts the action of the Liverpool branch of the

Water Pouring in Mines. Commenting on the crisis before the country, the London Times says: "The business has been mismanaged "The business has been mismanaged throughout by all parties concerned. The government has been too hasty, and the mine owners have demanded unreasonable and sudden wage reductions, causing the mass of neutral opinion to swing in favor of the revolutionary labor wing."

The menace to the coal mines from the stoppage of pumping was explained by mining authorities today as being most serious, owing to the volumes of water from seepage, which in some cases amount to thousands of gallons hourly, requiring the constant operation of powerful pumps. The greatest damage is threatened in South Wales, where the mines average a thousand feet in depth, and where the hilly topography of the



Commissioners to Ask for Plans of Drive Connecting **Historic Points.**

messages from important centers was that the railwaymen and transport workers do not present a solid front an appropriation of \$5,000 with which to prepare plans for a connecting parkway between the old civil war forts around Washington. which the labor leaders maintained after the conference which they had this morning with the prime minister.

Meet Premier Again.

After a two-hour conference the only statement for the press was that

dence of those activities noticeable, all reservists were under instructions to report at their "places of joining" without waiting for individual notice from the authorities.

Defense Units Called.

The government's proclamation calling up army and navy reserves for service during the strike invited "loyal citizens, including those service ing with territorial forces, capable of bearing arms and between the ages of eighteen and forty, to report at the nearest territorial drill hall for the purpose of being commissioned or attested for temporary mill service with regular army in new units called 'defense units.'"

The reservists were asked to bring it means that avenue a thorough fare to the Hamilton tract. That tract is being considered as the site for the proposed new Botanic Garden.

Another bill which will be sent to the House and Senate District committees calls for the opening of a new street from 9th to Georgia avenue, at a point north of Florida avenue. The same bill would authorize the Washington Railway and Electric Company to lay tracks on the proposed new street. The object of this extension is to get the cars of that company off of the congested track on Forida avenue between 9th and 7th streets. Under the proposed scheme 9th street cars of the Washington Railway and Electric would reach Georgia avenue between 9th and 7th streets. Under the proposed scheme 9th street cars of the Washington Railway and Electric would reach Georgia avenue between 9th and 7th streets. Under the proposed scheme 9th street cars of the Washington Railway and Electric would reach Georgia avenue between 9th and 7th streets. The reservists were asked to bring uniforms, if possible; one day's food, blankets, mess kits and other service gear.

The Delling and Electric would reach Georgia avenue through the mess kits and other service gear. ity to widen and extend Piney Branch road, Nicholson street, Monbranch road, Nicholson street, Mon-tague street and 14th street through the Walter Reed reservation. This is regarded by the Commissioners as an important development of the high-

Would Widen Georgia Avenue. The widening of Georgia avenue to ninety feet between Fairmont street and Gresham place and the widening of 1st street northeast be-tween G and Myrtle streets is pro-vided for in other bills to be submitted next week. A bill will be sent up with the others authorizing the city heads to sell certain lands at 20th and Jackson streets northeast, which they do not believe the District needs.

THIEVES CARRY OFF SAFE. MIAMI, Fla., April 9.—Burglars last night carried off the 2,000-pound safe in the Florida East Coast railroad freight house in this city. It is said it contained \$1,400 in cash and about \$5,000 in checks.

Today's News

District Commissioners propose parkway connecting historic forts in bill to Congress. B'rith Abraham invites President to attend convention. Pennsylvania railway officials propose wage cut affecting 46,000 employes.

Army now has no second lieutenants. \$50,000 fund campaign of Visiting
Nurse Society indirsed by school association.

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COLDER TOMORROW, FREEZING BY MONDAY, IS WEATHER MAN'S TIP

morrow, with freezing Monday morning, was forecast for the District by the weather bureau to-

day for walking, with bracing temperatures, said the forecaster, who did not expect anything but a light frost tomorrow morning. But Monday night the thermome-

CHICAGO, April 9.—A cold wave following on mild spring weather gripped sections of the middle west

freezing rain and snow, struck northern Illinois, central Missouri, southern Kansas and eastern Ne-braska last night from the west. degrees were predicted for Illinois

OF WAR RISK WORK

Col. R. G. Cholmeley-Jones Is Reappointed Director of Bureau.



COL. R. G. CHOLMELEY-JONES. Reappointment of Col. R. G. Chol-Reappointment of Col. R. G. Chol-meley-Jones as director of the war statement of Williams. isk insurance bureau was announced

oday by Secretary Mellon. Col. Cholmeley-Jones, who resigned recently to return to private business Prosecutor Says Other Slayings of in New York, is to enter upon the duties of his office at once, the Secretary said. He has returned to the department, Mr. Mellon continued, at the

Less Than 10 Per Cent Affected county intend to see that this thing is thoroughly gone into," Mr. Campbell declared, and he added that the Page 2 Face Hunger, Says U. S. Attache. China's food problem is one of grand jury also would take up its transportation and organization, and investigation of the lynching, some time ago, of Eugene Hamilton, a Page 2 transportation and organization, and President advised against railroad wage there is plenty for the famine suffer- negro. cuts.

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Commercial Attache Arnold reported to head combined soldiers' relief bureau.

Secretary Mellon and Senator Penrose discuss plans for tax revision. Page 3

June. June. Mr. Arnold estimated that 6,000,000 persons were affected by the food shortage, of whom less than 10 per cent were actually facing starvation.

Tension between Finland and Russia becomes more acute. Page 5
Citizens to give banquet for John Joy Edson. Page 7
B. M. Baruch makes suggestions on German reparations and interallied indebtedness. Page 9
School optimism urged by Dr. Ballou.

Page 12 at Buffalo. Ballou. mately one Page 12 at Buffalo.

GUILTY OF MURDER IN PEONAGE CASE

Williams, Georgia Farmer, Convicted of Slaying to Halt U. S. Probe.

COVINGTON, Ga., April 9 .- John S. Williams, accused of the murder of eleven of his negro farmhands to halt a federal investigation of peonage, was found guilty of murder by Jury in Newton county superior

The verdict of murder with recommendation for mercy, which, under Georgia law, automatically carries a life sentence, was read exactly eighteen hours after the case went to the jury and was calmly received by Williams. A moment later, as his wife and children began to sob, almost inaudibly, he seemed to be struggling to restrain his own emotions. Mrs. Williams sobbed on her husband's shoulder, his arm about her. Just after court adjourned the man's two daughters became hysterical and were led from the room by friends.

ters became hysterical and were led from the room by friends.

Williams appeared more affected by his family's suffering than he had been by the verdict. He was specifically on trial charged with the murder of one of the negroes found drowned in Newton county. Clyde Manning, negro farm boss for Williams and jointly indicted with him, testified that on Williams' order he and another negro, afterward killed, had done the killing.

Williams had maintained a cheerful attitude during the trial, and had attitude during the trial, and had stoutly maintained his innocence, although having admitted he might be technically guilty of peonage, as he said he had paid fines for negroes and let them work out the debt.

Court Confirms Verdict.

Sentence was formally passed soon after the verdict was read. Judge Hutcheson restated the verdict as read by T. R. Starr, a farmer and foreman of the jury, and added: "And the verdict is the sentence of the court."

The verdict was not in exact form The verdict was not in exact form The verdict was not in exact form, but in open court both sides agreed that it was legal by Supreme Court decisions and that no exception would be taken. The motion for a new trial was made on the grounds that the verdict was "contrary to the evidence; contrary to the law and without evidence to support it."

The jury included seven farmers, the five others being merchants, clerks and a barber. Most of the jurors were young men, six of them serving on a jury for the first time.

The case went to trial last Tuesday, one day being taken up with arguments for postponement and selection of a jury. The state took little more than a day to present its evidence while the

REPORTS MORE EVIDENCE.

Williams Employes Suspected. MONTICELLO, Ga., April 9 .- Evidence tending to show that more than eleven negro farm hands on the request of the Secretary to assist in carrying out the recommendations of John S. Williams plantation in this

the special committee appointed by the President, of which Charles G. fore the Jasper county grand jury
The committee advised that the task next Monday, Solicitor General Doyle Rapid progress made in month by new administration.

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Car merger plan may give new life to Great Falls power project. Page 1
Guilty of murder, Georgia jury's verdict in peonage case.

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Britain recruiting volunteers to do work Britain recruiting volunteers to do work Page 1

CHINA HAS FOOD.

Dawes of Chicago was that the task of providing medical and surgical treatment for disabled war veterans be taken over at once by the war risk bureau, under present law, pending and would not disclose the exact nature of his evidence, but he seemed convinced he had proof that "several more" negroes would prove to have met death in what has been found and would not disclose the exact nature of his evidence, but he seemed convinced he had proof that "several more" negroes would prove to have met death in what has been found and would not disclose the exact nature of his evidence, but he committee, "several more" negroes would prove to have met death in what has been found and would not disclose the exact nature of his evidence, but he cate that the task of providing medical and surgical treatment for disabled war veterans be taken over at once by the war risk bureau, under present law, pending exact nature of his evidence, but he seemed convinced he had proof that "several more" negroes would prove to have met death in what has been found and would not disclose the exact nature of his evidence, but he cate nature of his evidence, but he cate nature of his evidence and the committee, "several more" negroes would prove to have met death in what has been found and would not disclose the exact nature of his evidence, but he cate nature of his evidence and the cate nature of his evidence.

county intend to see that this thing is thoroughly gone into." Mr. Campbell declared, and he added that the grand jury also would take up its investigation of the lynching, some time ago, of Eugene Hamilton, a negro.

JURY FREES CONNELL.

Decides in Five Minutes at Trial of Peonage Charge in Atlanta.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 9.—Willard Connell, a well known farmer of Pike county, was acquitted of the charge of peonage by a jury in the United States district court here. Connell was charged with unlawfully holding a negro named Cornelius Alexander on his farm.

The case was submitted to the jury without argument and a verdict returned after five minutes' deliberation.

A bill providing for the merger of the street railway lines of the District apply lines of the District and the District, so that an excess profits tax will be levied. This tax is designed to equalize the earning power of the Washington Railway and Electric and the Capital Traction companies and to lead to an agreement to a merger. Senator Jones is a member of the Senate District committee and has taken much interest in the traction situation in Washington.

"If the street car companies in the District committee and has taken much interest in the traction situation in Washington." "If the street car companies in the District can bring about a merger," said Senator Jones today. "I believe tist many of the conditions now extisting can be remedied. Congress can to continued on Page 2, Column 6.1.

CAR MERGER PLAN MAY GIVE NEW LIFE TO POWER PROJECT

Scheme Likely to Be Taken Up at Conference. OFFICIALS BELIEVE TIME

Great Falls Development

HAS ARRIVED FOR ACTION

Congress Expected to Show Interest in Linking River Proposal to Traction Union. Revival of the Potomac river powe

development project as an important economical factor demanding consideration in conjunction with the street railway merger conferences which begin next Tuesday appeared probable Prominent government officials, it

is known, regard the merger movement as having given new life to the ower scheme, which was reported favorably to Congress by the Federal Power Commission at the close of the

Members of the Public Utilities Com-mission, which will participate in the conferences, have not overlooked the connection which the power matter has with the case and are much in-ter ested in economies that may be developed in this direction. Will Probe Into Claims.

The commission, it is believed, will probe deeply into statements made that the harnessing of the Potomac in conjunction with the merging of local traction and electric light and power interests will do more to reduce street car fares and electric light bills than a merger alone.

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Based on a study made by Col. M.
C. Tyler of the Corps of Engineers of the Army, the power plans contemplate a joint arrangement between the government and local utilities whereby the government would build a dam at Chain bridge and the utilities receive the power developed and dispose of it through their existing distributing systems.

Col. Tyler estimated this would reduce Washington's annual light and

ed similar conclusions. Time for Recommendation

Court here today and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Motion for a new trial was immediately filed, and hearing on the motion set for April 30, at Decatur, Ga., before Judge John B. Hutcheson, who presided at the trial.

Time for Recommendations.

Now that there is probability of the Potomac Electric Power Company the Washington Railway and Electric Company and the Capital Traction Company being merged into a single corporation, War Department officials believe the logical time has arrived for considering the Tyler ecommendations.

recommendations.

In his report, Col. Tyler said:

"With coal costing \$7 per ton f. o. b. car at steam stations in the District of Columbia, the power plant outlined, if operated in conjunction with the central steam stations and distributing systems of the public utilities of the District of Columbia, will deliver power at substations 2 mills per kilowatt hour cheaper than the production cost at steam station switchboard; will earn interest at 6 per cent on capital investment, pay per cent on capital investment, pay depreciation, maintenance and opera-tion charges, return the capital in-vested in thirty years and conserve, annually, approximately 240,000 tons of coal."

lic utility interests of the District and the licensee for the water power, bind-ing the former to receive and the lat-ter to deliver all available water power that can be used in place of steam power."

Dam Would Cost \$13,000,000.

Col. Tyler estimates it would cost about \$13,000,000 to build a dam at Chain bridge and meet interest charges during the five years required for construction. Under this plan the existing steam plants would be held in reserve for periods of low-water supply. "The operation of the Chain bridge hydroelectric development in con-junction with the piblic utilities," he states, "will require no expensive and wasteful duplication of distribution facilities, and, therefore, would accomplish the distribution of the hydraulically generated power to the public and the government at minimum cost."

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Congress has shown interest both in the proposed harnessing of the Potomac river for power purposes and the merging of Washington's traction lines. It has made appropriations for power studies. Members of Congress this week brought about a preilminary conference which led to a decision to institute active merger negotiations.

gotiations Congressional Inquiry Expected. In view of Col. Tyler's estimates of the saving that would be effected if a power plant were built at Chain bridge and operated in conjunction with existing steam plants, Congress is expected to inquire into the eco-nomic desirability of considering the power scheme in connection with any merger legislation that may be pro-

posed.

It is not believed that the power matter will be brought up, however, until after it has been determined whether the utilities companies can find a basis for a merger. The preliminary conferences will be directed toward bringing them together on a basis of valuation, relative earning power, outstanding securities or some other foundation of justice and durability. Once the basis of a condurability. Once the basis of a con-solidation is effected, the conferees will take up the requirements of the superstruc are, and, in this connec-tion, the Tyler plan undoubtedly will come in for consideration.

MERGER BILL IN CONGRESS. A bill providing for the merger of

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The annual spring dinner of the Gridiron Club will be held at 7:30 a clock tonight at the New Willard Hotel. The dinner bell will ring promptly, it is announced.

day by three men who jumped from an automobile and fired fifteen shots at him as he stood behind his delivery wagon. All the shots took effect. The assassins, said by the police to be feudists, escaped.

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labor are industing in their old tactics of saber rattling, and asserts the action of the Liverpool branch of the National Union of Railway Men in declaring against a strike unless a ballot of the men favored such action is regarded everywhere as the first mutterings against the strike.

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Tomorrow ought to be an ideal

ters are scheduled to take a decided drop to about freezing, dupli-cating the temperatures of several days ago.

The cold spell will be general throughout the eastern section of the country, extending as far south as Kentucky.

oday, with freezing temperatures forecast for tonight. The cold weather, accompanied in places by